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3 METRO MEN SENTENCED TO COMBINED 50 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR CRACK CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two Kansas City, Mo., men and a Grandview, Mo., man were sentenced in federal court today for conspiring to distribute crack cocaine.

Ravel J. Carney, 27, and **Antonio A. Barreda**, 23, both of Kansas City, and **Rafiel L. Carney**, 27, of Grandview, were all sentenced by U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple this afternoon.

Ravel Carney was sentenced to 16 years and eight months in federal prison without parole, **Barreda** was sentenced to 17 years and six months in federal prison without parole and **Rafiel Carney** was sentenced to 16 years and 10 months in federal prison without parole.

Each of the co-defendants previously pleaded guilty to their role in the crack cocaine conspiracy. **Rafiel Carney** pleaded guilty on Nov. 21, 2003, and **Ravel Carney** and **Barreda** pleaded guilty on Nov. 26, 2003.

By pleading guilty, **Ravel Carney**, **Barreda** and **Rafiel Carney** admitted that they conspired to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine between April 8 and May 20, 2003, in Jackson County, Mo.

Ravel Carney also pleaded guilty to illegal possession of a firearm in relation to a drug trafficking crime. **Ravel Carney** admitted that he was in possession of a Smith and Wesson .40-caliber semi-automatic handgun while also in possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine on May 20, 2003, in Jackson County.

The co-defendants were originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on June 12, 2003, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David DeTar Newbert. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department's Drug Task Force.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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